

# 5 MASKED ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN, BLOW SAFE AND GET \$20,000

**Daring Train Holdup on the  
Prairie Out of Coffeyville,  
Kan.; Coolly Take Two  
Hours to Do the Job.**

## EPIDEMIC OF ROBBERY AND SAFE CRACKING

**Robbers Blow Safe in Kansas  
Bank and Get \$4,600;  
Others Get \$4,000 in Mis-  
souri; Iowa Train Held Up.**

(Associated Press)  
Coffeysville, Kans., March 24.—For two hours last night six masked men held the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern passenger train No. 4 at a standstill on the prairie six miles south of this city. They blew the safe of the express car and escaped in two automobiles, carrying with them money and valuables, which it is believed amount to \$29,000.

Just after the train left Lenapah,

Company line, Engineer Lynch heard a sharp cry of "hands up." Turning he saw a masked man on the tender pointing his gun at him.

"I'm going to ride a little ways with you," said the man. "Drive on."

The engineer drove on.

About four miles out of Lenapah the man compelled the engineer to stop the train at a small coveiir near a clump of trees. Five more masked men took their position on either side of the train, began shooting into the air and along the sides of the train. Then, while two men stood guard, the other four marched the engineer and fireman to the day coach and locked them in.

After nearly an hour's work the men succeeded in getting a charge of nitroglycerine into the safe, which was blown to pieces.

The men made no haste. They were at least three miles from any habitation, and went over carefully all the packages they took out of the safe.

Soon two automobiles approached to within 100 yards of the train. The lights of the machines were extin-

The robbery was reported as soon as the train reached this city, and the sheriff and deputies immediately started on horseback in pursuit of the robbers.

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**Blow Safe; Wound Watchman**

Hudson, Kans., March 24—Five men blew the safe of the Hudson State bank early today and after serious wounding Max Rice, the watchman, who attempted to grapple with one of the robbers, they escaped with \$4,000.

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**Get \$4,000 Haul**

Curryville, Mo., March 24—Safe blowers last night dynamited the

**Another Train Held Up**  
Denison, Iowa, March 24.—A masked man last night compelled the engineer of the Chicago Northwestern east-bound passenger train to go ahead into the sleeper with him.

fingers, securing \$49, a gold watch and a diamond ring.

He then jumped off the train and escaped.

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**To Discharge Others.**

Little Rock, March 24.—Superintendent Johnson of the Pacific Express company states that the men who held up the Iron Mountain train near Coffeyville last night got no money from the express car and all the goods secured consisted of a few "loose" packages, the value of which was not great.

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**Roosevelt Speaks.**  
(Associated Press.)

Stanford University, Calif., March 24.—Colonel Roosevelt was the guest of Leland Stanford university today, the 1908 making notable the celebration of the annual junior day on the college campus. He delivered a brief address.

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**AEROPLANE FALLS:  
SMUGGLER MAY DIE**

tempt to use the aeroplane for some flying will likely result in the death of an Italian aviator named Smeroglia. He is in a Geneva hospital today with both legs and his collar now broken and suffering from exposure to the cold.

Smeroglia came to grief while flying over Mount Blanc with a cargo of dutiable goods which he was attempting to bring in from Italy. Terribly injured, Smeroglia lay all night in the snow and was found by customs officers.